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Quote of the Month



Street trees in Ellensburg. Photo: DNR

"The materials of city planning are: sky, space, trees, steel, and cement; in that order and that hierarchy." ~ LeCorbusier, a Swiss architect and city planner

Timely Tree Tips



Watering trees in George

Summer is finally here. In the Pacific Northwest, that means an extended period of hot, dry, sunny weather. How much water do your trees need to stay healthy?

[Read more.](#)

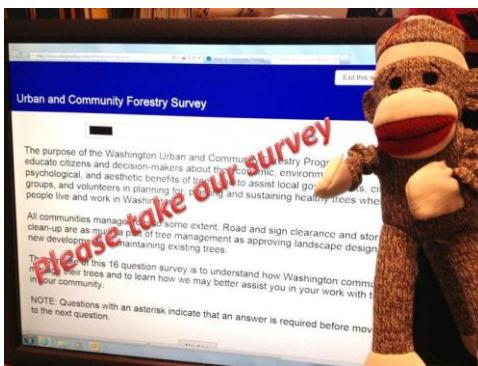
Coordinator's Corner



Do you need to help with native restoration? You may be eligible to [host a Washington Conservation Corps/Puget SoundCorps crew](#). When trees are removed in your community, what happens to the waste wood? Sarah introduces you to a fellow "Coug" who is helping answer the question. Nikkole Hughes joins the UCF team as a summer intern.

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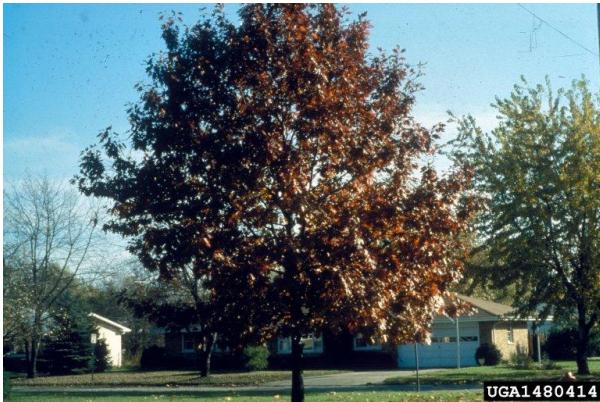
Take the Urban and Community Forestry Survey



We want to hear from Washington communities. Please take the [Urban and Community Forestry Survey](#) soon.

[Read more.](#)

Read for Trees



Students in Cheney recently competed in a reading contest that gave them a vote for every book they could read in a given time. They cast their votes for their favorite tree.

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Photo: Richard Webb/Bugwood.org

Council Communiqué' Science Meets Sacred



Trees provide so many benefits, economic, ecological, and social benefits. Could there be something deeper that trees and landscape evoke? Dr. Kathleen Wolf explores the idea.

[Read more.](#)

Wenatchee Arbor Day Committee Recognized



What would the greater Wenatchee area be without trees? The Greater Wenatchee Arbor Day Association has worked for 22 years to make sure trees are part of the landscape.

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From left: Dave Erickson, Bonnie Orr, Nena Howell, Bill Sanborn, Scott Ballard

Drought of 2012 Hard on Trees in 2013



Throughout western Washington, the needles on many young conifer trees have suddenly turned red in spring 2013. What's going on?

[Read more.](#)

Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

[Mature Trees Significantly Reduce Energy Use in Urban Areas](#). New research that assessed the energy conservation merits of a residential Toronto tree planting program found an average tree conserves 435 to 483 kWh of electricity over 25 years after planting.

[Trees as street lamps?](#) A small group of biotechnology hobbyists and entrepreneurs has started a project to develop plants that glow, potentially leading the way for [trees that can replace electric street lamps](#) and potted flowers luminous enough to read by.

[Jumbo planters act as reservoir, filter and more.](#) As cities search for a solution to flash rainstorms that can result in urban flooding and pollution of drinking water sources, Burlington, Vermont, has

addressed the problem with jumbo planters.

[Why use Ipe when you have black locust?](#) Ipe is a tropical hardwood often used in outdoor construction because it is resilient and lasts a long time. But ipe has become increasingly rare and methods used to find and harvest trees wreak havoc on the environment. Enter black locust. Often thought of as a "weed tree" it is becoming the "new ipe."

[Can lack of trees kill you faster?](#) Geoffrey Donovan, of the USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station, was recently interviewed about his research into the impacts on public health from trees dying of EAB infestation. And a [follow up interview](#) with Donovan to respond to criticisms of the science.

Calendar of Events, Activities, and Opportunities

Symposiums, classes, workshops and more await you.[Read more](#)



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The UCF team. From left: Nicki Eisfeldt, Leif Fixen, Micki McNaughton (in front), Sarah Foster, Linden Lampman, Garth Davis

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